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This paper is responsive to the Office Communication mailed from the Patent Office on September 12, 2007. Please amend the subject patent application as herein described.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

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